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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice or disclaimer, all of the pending claims.

Please add new claims 429-477 as follows:

429. (Newly Added) A sheet of printable business cards, comprising:  
a facestock sheet construction having a front side and a back side;  
a continuous liner sheet releasably secured to and covering the back side;  
the facestock sheet construction including a cardstock sheet, an adhesive layer on a backside of the cardstock sheet, and a film layer on the adhesive layer;  
facestock continuous through-cut lines through the facestock sheet construction to the back side but not through-cut through the liner sheet;  
the through-cut lines defining at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards;  
portions of the back side of the facestock sheet construction forming back side surfaces of the printable business cards;  
areas of the liner sheet covering back sides of all of the through-cut lines and thereby holding the printable business cards together when the sheet of printable business cards is fed through a printer or copier for a printing operation on the printable business cards; and  
the liner sheet and the through-cut lines allowing the business cards to be removed from the liner sheet and separated after the printing operation into individual printed business cards.

430. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the liner sheet is extrusion coated on one side with the film layer.

431. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 430 wherein the extruded film layer on the liner sheet is laminated to the adhesive layer on a back side of the cardstock sheet.

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432. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the liner sheet is a solid continuous liner sheet and covers all of the back sides of all of the facestock through-cut lines.

433. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the liner sheet is a solid continuous liner sheet which extends the entire width of the facestock sheet construction.

434. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein adjacent ones of the printable business cards directly abut one another and share common edges.

435. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the printable business cards are arranged in a matrix on the facestock sheet construction.

436. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the cardstock sheet is a glossy cardstock sheet.

437. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein (a) the facestock sheet construction includes left and right side edges, (b) the through-cut lines include frame cut lines and grid cut lines, (c) the frame cut lines include first and second side cut lines spaced in from the left and right side edges respectively, and disposed parallel thereto, and first and second end cut lines spaced in from and parallel to the first and second end edges, both of the end cut lines engaging both of the side cut lines, the frame cut lines defining a central area on the facestock sheet construction, (d) the grid cut lines defining a grid disposed in the central area, and (e) the grid cut lines and the frame cut lines separating the central area into the printable media.

438. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the liner sheet comprises a densified bleached kraft sheet.

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439. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein at least some of the through-cut lines define a waste border portion of the facestock sheet construction around the printable business cards.

440. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the through-cut lines include vertical and horizontal cut lines.

441. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 440 wherein a top one of the horizontal cut lines extends a full width of the facestock sheet construction.

442. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 441 wherein ends of the rest of the horizontal cut lines are spaced inwardly from the left and right side edges of the facestock sheet construction.

443. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 442 wherein the rest of the horizontal cut lines extend a distance out beyond the outermost of the vertical cut lines.

444. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the liner sheet comprises a base paper sheet.

445. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the liner sheet has a thickness of approximately 3.0 mil.

446. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the liner sheet has a thickness of approximately 2.0 mil.

447. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the solid continuous liner sheet covers the entire back side of the cardstock sheet.

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448. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the through-cut lines define all of the perimeter edges of all of the printable business cards.

449. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 448 wherein the printable business cards are arranged in a two column matrix on the facestock sheet construction.

450. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 449 wherein the printable business cards in each column of the two column matrix abut adjacent printable business cards in the same column separated only by respective ones of the through-cut lines.

451. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the printable business cards comprise a matrix block of printable business cards surrounded by a waste cardstock sheet perimeter.

452. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the cardstock sheet is a top-coated cardstock sheet.

453. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the adhesive layer is a hot melt adhesive layer, the film is a low density polyethylene film, and the liner sheet is a densified bleached kraft liner sheet.

454. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 453 wherein the hot melt adhesive layer is approximately .6 mil thick, the low density polyethylene film is approximately .8 mil thick, the densified bleached kraft liner sheet is approximately 9.0 mil thick and the cardstock sheet is approximately 3.0 mil thick.

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455. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 453 wherein the hot melt adhesive layer is approximately .6 mil thick.

456. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 453 wherein the low density polyethylene film is approximately .8 mil thick.

457. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 453 wherein the densified bleached kraft liner sheet is approximately 3.0 mil thick.

458. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 453 wherein the cardstock bleached kraft liner sheet is approximately 9.0 mil thick.

459. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the printable business cards are arranged in a pair of butt-cut columns and a plurality of butt-cut rows.

460. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the facestock sheet construction is approximately 9.0 mil thick.

461. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the facestock sheet construction and the liner sheet are both rectangular and have the same width and length dimensions.

462. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the through-cut lines are die-cut lines.

463. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein an infeed edge of the sheet of printable business cards, along an entire width of the sheet is thinner than a body of the sheet.

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464. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein a lead-in edge of the sheet of printable business cards is calendered to improve feeding of the sheet of printable business cards into the printer or copier.

465. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the liner sheet includes a flexibility line extending a width thereof.

466. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 465 wherein the flexibility line is a cut line.

467. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 465 wherein the flexibility line is proximate an end of the liner sheet.

468. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 465 wherein the flexibility line is approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from an end of the liner sheet.

469. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 468 wherein the end is a printer infeed end of the sheet of printable business cards.

470. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the printer or copier is a desktop inkjet printer.

471. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the liner sheet includes a cut line extending a width thereof.

472. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 471 wherein the cut line is proximate to but space a distance from an end of the liner sheet.

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473. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 472 wherein the distance is approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

474. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein the liner sheet is secured directly to the back side and a back side of the liner sheet defines a back surface of the sheet of printable business cards.

475. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 474 wherein the top surface of the cardstock sheet is the top surface of the sheet of printable business cards.

476. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 474 wherein the facestock sheet construction includes a top coating on the cardstock sheet and the top coating forms the top surface of the sheet of printable business cards.

477. (Newly Added) The sheet of claim 429 wherein bottom surfaces of the printed business cards are adhesive-free.

**REMARKS**

In the above-mentioned Office Action, some of the claims were rejected under Section 112, second paragraph, some of the claims were rejected as anticipated by Popat et al. (5,407,718), some of the claims were rejected as anticipated by Casagrande (5,782,497), some of the claims were rejected as unpatentable over Casagrande in view of Klein (5,198,275), some were rejected as unpatentable over Casagrande in view of Hickenbotham (4,704,317), some were rejected over Popat in view of Cross (4,863,772), some were rejected over Popat in view of Cross and further in view of Hickenbotham, and some were rejected over Popat in view of Cross and further in view of Carlson.